

PATENT APPLICATION  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re Application of**

MOHAMED S.M. SHAKUR et al.

**Docket:** 106290

**Title:** MULTIPLE DOWNCOMER FRACTIONAL DISTILLATION TRAY AND PROCESS

SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH MPEP 609

Honorable Assistant  
Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) submit herewith documents which they believe may be material to the examination of this application and with respect to which they believe there may be a duty to disclose the existence and contents thereof. These documents are cited in the above identified application and are listed on Form PTO-1449 attached hereto. The relevance of each document is explained either within the specification of the above identified application or hereinbelow.

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Copies of all listed documents are:


- ☒ attached hereto.
- ☐ attached hereto unless provided during the prosecution of the parent application,  
U.S. Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

### Related Applications:

- [ ] In addition to the documents cited in the specification, applicant wishes to point out copending application U.S. Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- [ ] This copending application relates to \_\_\_\_\_
- [ ] The inventive entity is the same.

The owner of the above applications is the same.

Initialing of each document after its consideration by the Examiner is now respectfully requested in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
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Date: October 8, 2001

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